

Remarks

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph

The claims have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as the invention. Applicants urge that the claims now comply with Section 112.

Allowable Subject Matter

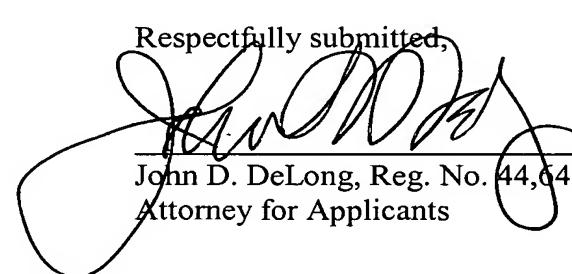
It is indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Section 112 rejections and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 3 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 4, and the Section 112 rejections have been overcome as indicated above.

Conclusion

Applicants urge that the claims as amended are now allowable and respectfully request allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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